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McCardell appoints Nesbitt as special assistant for diversity

By Peter Walsh

Only days after more than 50 students staged a series of protests last May for greater diversity at Middlebury College, President John McCardell appointed Leroy Nesbitt '82 to the position of special assistant to the president for minority affairs.

The announcement of the new position came during the same week that Dean of the College John Emerson presented McCardell with a seven page informal Report on Developments in Minority Affairs outlining the college's policies on minority recruitment, staff and faculty support, and curriculum development and presenting a series of goals and recommendations to promote diversity at Middlebury.

While the leaders of Middlebury's three minority organizations, African-American Alliance (AAA), Alianza Latinoamericana y Caribeña, and the Asian-American Student's Organization have expressed a general approval of McCardell's appointment, they are responding to the college's move with caution.

"We will have to see how working through Mr. Nesbitt goes," said April Paris '94, president of Alianza Latinoamericana y Caribeña, the Latino student organization.

Paris and Ed Soh '94, the leader of the Asian American Student's Organization, both expressed concern with Nesbitt's lack of experience with Latino and Asian issues but said that Nesbitt has taken steps to familiarize himself with their concerns.

"He's aware that he is not aware of Latino issues. But he is willing and interested in learning and helping," Paris said.

"He's got to go through an extensive education process. He's not very familiar with Asian American issues, but we're willing to teach him," said Soh.

Marc Pina '93, president of AAA and a resident of Washington D.C., has known Nesbitt for four years and is very supportive of his appointment.

"I know he is very concerned with the state of affairs here at the college and he was very active as a student," said Pina. "I was very pleased with it [Nesbitt's appointment]."

Pina, whose organization will be focusing on internal issues this fall, said that, despite the need for continued action, he was impressed with the way McCardell responded to the protests.

"I think he handled it rather well

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Students and faculty join for convocation. See photo spread on pages 6&7. *Photo by Ed Soh*

State and college tighten keg laws

By Jake Citrin

A new Vermont state law, implemented July 1, requiring that all kegs of beer sold in state possess permanent identification numbers and that vendors maintain logs indicating the identity of the purchaser of each beer keg, poses liability implications that will make the purchase of a keg a heavy responsibility for college students.

"The keg law has changed as far as purchaser and vendor are concerned. Basically there is a registration format that goes with it. Now, each keg will have a serial number assigned to it, and then each person that purchases a keg will be assigned that serial number, and then the vendor will be responsible for taking their name, address, date of birth, and they will hang on to that information for 90 days," said Peter Chenevert, director of public safety for Middlebury College.

In addition to the new registration procedures, the law states that failure to return the purchased keg to the vendor within 60 days is a criminal offense, punishable by a maximum $200 fine.

The college, in a separate action, increased the fine for the possession of an illegal keg to $100.

Burlington area police sought the new statute because of their difficulty in determining keg ownership after raiding illegal high school parties.

For college students, the new registration system will provide state authorities, and potentially college security, with the purchaser's identity. The college will have limited access to the information through state liquor authorities.

However, the college will not ask for such information from the state according to Chenevert. "What we do now is confiscate the keg, and we'll hold on to the keg until it is claimed, if it isn't claimed within 60 days, there is the possibility of some court action and a $200 fine against the purchaser."

The school expects students to claim confiscated kegs to avoid state criminal charges. Chenevert says the college would not hesitate to return the

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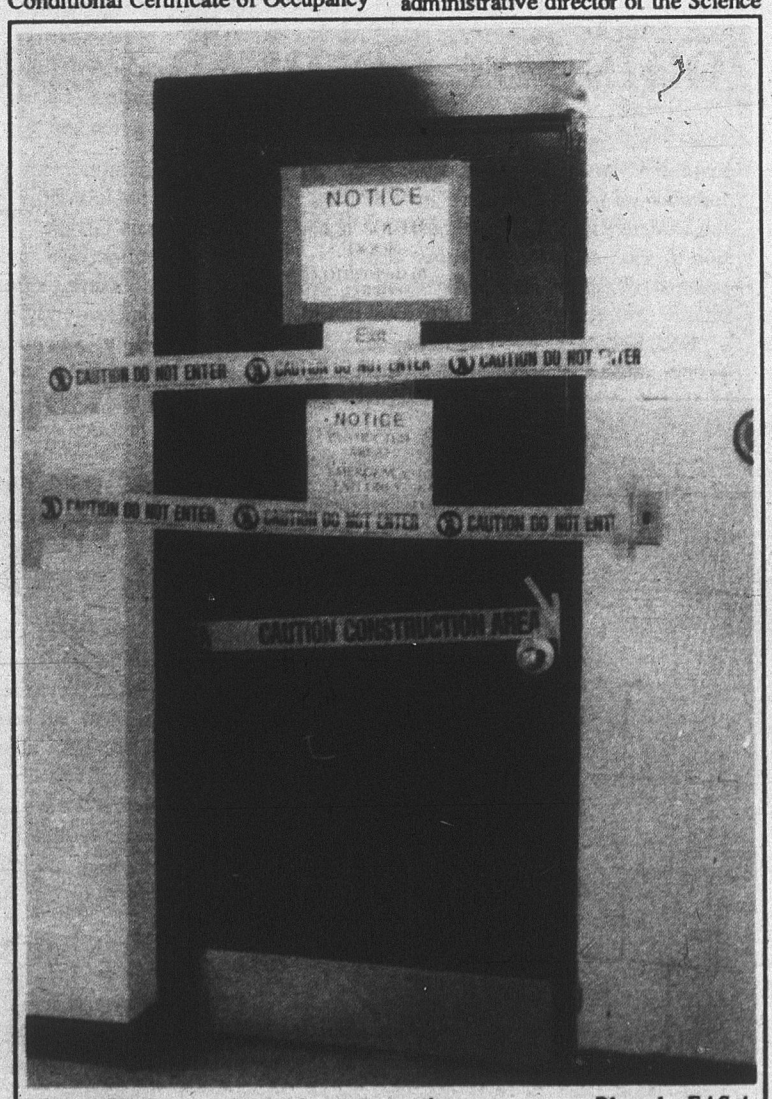
Science, Arts centers near completion

By Katharine Loos

The Science Center opened this fall in the midst of a renovation of its air circulation system necessary to comply with safety standards, while the Arts Center, still without a final Certificate of Occupancy, has obtained a Conditional Certificate of Occupancy and will host almost all events scheduled for the fall.

The Science Center is undergoing approximately two million dollars in renovation of the fume hoods used by the Chemistry and Biology Departments, according to Tim Wickland, administrative director of the Science Center.



Science Center remains under construction. *Photo by Ed Soh*

The fume hoods, installed in the Science Center years ago, were no longer sufficient.

"What we had here has not been up to modern standards," said Wickland.

Safety standards regarding the hoods were not established when they were originally installed in the Science Center, according to Wickland.

"Through the years standards for fume hoods have become more clearly defined." The hoods keep air moving through an enclosed space at a constant velocity and are a site for possibly dangerous chemical reactions, according to Chemistry Professor Stephen Sontum. The air from the hoods is then sent up to the roof and released into the air.

The possibility that the air released from the hoods could re-enter the building caused concern about the air quality throughout the building.

"Before, air was blowing out the side of the building and it was to easy for it to get back in," said Wickland.

When the renovation is complete, air from the hoods will be released through two redesigned air handlers on the top of the building, one for the west side and one for the east side.

Wickland added that the new system will also save energy by extracting heat from the exhaust leaving the building and using it to heat the air coming into the building.

The plans for the renovation were not approved until June, when construction began. Due to supply problems, the project was delayed by about one month, according to Wickland.

Classes that normally use the fume hoods in labs have had to relocate to alternative spaces until the teaching

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Middlebury initiates Commons System

By Katharine Loos

The Commons System has gone into effect this fall, creating five residential commons within the college in an attempt to foster greater student, faculty, and staff involvement in the community as a whole.

The implementation of the Commons System is a response to the Report of the Residential Life Committee, which made the creation of the Commons System its major recommendation in March of 1991.

The purpose of the Commons System is both to give students more say in the direction of residential life and to create more interaction between faculty, staff, and students, according to Ann Craig Hanson, dean of students and a commons co-associate for Battell, Forest and Pearsons with Frank Kelly, director of residential life.

"Our hope is that [the Commons System] is going to empower students to have a more direct responsibility more voice in what is going on in thei lives," said Hanson.

Commons Councils, composed o representatives from the residence halls will be set up in each of the five commons. The councils will include residents, Resident Assistants and Junio Counselors.

The Commons Councils will decide on activities that will be hosted by their commons, varying from informa parties to receptions for visitors to campus, according to Hanson.

The commons will receive mone from the Student Finance Committe to fund activities. The money allotte per student is currently $10, but tha figure may increase if the Student Finance Committee agrees, said Hanson

The types and number of events i a commons depends largely on the en

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College Shorts

Lesbian Charges Discrimination

A coalition of gay and lesbian activists and other students on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus have joined forces to boycott the University Book Store in response to the firing of a lesbian employee.

Lois Corcoran, an employee at the store for almost five years, stated she was fired after being told she did not fit the store's image. She proceeded to file a complaint with the city's Equal Opportunities Commission.

The president of the store, John Apple, said Corcoran was let go for work related reasons and not for her sexual preferences. He said that he was not aware that she was a lesbian until after she filed her complaint. It is not clear whether the boycott will hurt book store sales. Mr. Apple stated that some university professors had withdrawn their book orders as a result of the incident.

The Wisconsin Student Association endorsed the boycott by a vote of 7 to 6.

Hill Fears Hostile Welcome

Anita Hill recently surprised officials at Old Dominion University by canceling a lecture planned for September.

A spokeswoman for the campus said that Hill, the University of Oklahoma law professor who testified against Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas before a Senate panel, told the university in August that she was worried about a hostile welcome if she spoke at the campus. Some students objected to Hill's lecture because Old Dominion offered to pay her $10,000 to speak. Hill's agent, however, refused to comment specifically on her reasons for canceling.

There was speculation that Hill had received letters from Virginians threatening her life. But Kay Kemper, vice president of university relations, said Old Dominion had not been made aware of any threats.

Fraternity to the Rescue

A would-be burglar was foiled by a Drake University fraternity member at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house this summer.

Rick Hosley, a junior, saw a man with a video cassette recorder climbing down the outside stairs from the second floor of the house. A chase began and other fraternity members joined in and helped Mr. Hosley to catch and restrain the thief. Mr. Hosley then sat comfortably on him until the police arrived a short while later to arrest the kleptomaniac. The VCR was returned to the house.

"Lewd Behavior" Leads to Arrests

80 men have been arrested over the past two months at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus for lewd and improper behavior in campus restrooms.

After university employees complained they were being subjected to unwanted sexual advances, the police began monitoring the restrooms. Arrests were made when men approached and propositioned plainclothes officers.

The majority of the arrests were made in a building containing administrative offices and classrooms. Joseph Amodeo, a lieutenant with the campus police force, said between 8 and 15 of those arrested were students. He stated it was not clear how many were faculty or staff members. Each offender was fined $93.

Members of the gay activist group Queer Nation accused the plainclothes officers of inciting the behavior by engaging in sexual activities with bathroom visitors themselves. The police deny this charge.

Bungee Jumping 101

Wright State University has thrown itself into the venture of bungee jumping, a radical sport for adrenaline junkies that is becoming popular across the country.

This summer Bungee Over Ohio, a jumping company, started selling leaps from a platform raised 150 feet above a lake. After signing a waiver and paying $69, students and others plunge off the platform attached to a giant rubber band. The bungee jumping company is apparently the first to operate on a college campus.

Wright State will receive a generous portion of the profit—10 percent of the gross receipts from the first 1,000 jumps each month and 20 percent from all following jumps.

Rapper Causes Controversy

Many people in Normal, Alabama, and on the campus of Alabama A&M, have been acting quite abnormal as a result of a controversy sparked by rapper-activist Sister Souljah.

A community organization called the 21st Century Youth Leadership Project, which runs a summer camp for black teenagers on the A&M campus, had scheduled the rap artist to appear on the campus last month.

The university said, however, it had never approved her visit and stated that she could not perform.

The school argued that it had only been notified of the singer's concert two days before the event, and this did not provide the school with enough time to buy insurance for the show.

Directors of the 21st Century said they had notified the school of Sister Souljah's appearance months in advance. Officials of the organization said that the university was trying to stifle Sister Souljah's message.

The university ultimately approved the visit, on the condition that Sister Souljah would speak, not rap. As it turned out, on her way to campus her van broke down and she never showed up.

Artwork Divides University

The University of Alabama purchased a photograph by Andres Serrano featuring a picture of a small plastic version of Michelangelo's statue the Pietá submerged in a tank filled urine and cow's blood.

The university's student government passed a resolution condemning the purchase by a vote of 10 to two.

Conversely, the Faculty Senate voted unanimously to back the purchase.

The president of the university, Charles A. McCallum, released a statement declaring that while he finds the photograph offensive, it has "significant artistic and educational merit."

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CAMPAIGN TRAIL '92

By Jim Oleske

The Electoral College

By choosing Sen. Al Gore as a running mate, Bill Clinton has effectively confused the usually predictable electoral process. Most notably, the South, in recent years a stronghold of the Republicans, looks to be a highly competitive battleground this year.

The Bush campaign is looking to secure victories in the electorally rich states of Texas and Florida to counteract the Democratic advantage in California. Such a scenario means that the Midwest could be the swing region in what could be an unusually close electoral contest.

While the support of the labor unions will help Clinton in this area, Bush's accusations that the governor is a tax-and-spend liberal will be an advantage for the Republicans. In addition, this is one region of the country where having a running mate characterized as an environmental radical could be damaging for Clinton.

Tax and Spend

George Bush, trailing in the polls prior to the Republican convention, returned to many reliable themes during his acceptance speech. Most notably, the issue of taxes seemed a surefire hit.

In the last three presidential elections, Democratic candidates have been defeated after the Republicans successfully portrayed them as proponents of tax increases. Citing 128 tax and fee increases made by Clinton as governor of Arkansas, Bush asked the American people, "who do you trust in this election?"

Coupled with an apology for breaking his "no new taxes" pledge, this statement was expected to be a major selling point to the American public. However, the figure was quickly disputed by the Clinton campaign, and after considerable press, dismissed as a misrepresentation of the governor's record.

However, in their attack on the President's statement, the Clinton camp has also been cited for distorting the facts. In particular, they claimed that Bush made up the number of tax increases when in fact it was obtained from the Arkansas Legislature's annual Tax Handbook.

In the end, the fierce battle over who is lying about what has clouded the original issue. Since it is historically an issue that works for the Republicans, Bush and his campaign staff have to be concerned about its failure to resonate with voters after this first attempt.

Slick Willie and Free Trade

Throughout the campaign, Bill Clinton has been struggling to overcome the notion that he evades delicate topics. Clinton has a tendency to avoid direct answers when they might prove damaging, a trait that was first brought to light when he was asked about marijuana and his military record.

Likewise, the North American Free Trade Agreement between Mexico, Canada, and the United States presents Clinton with a question that he might be better off avoiding: does he support the initiative?

On the one hand, labor interests are vehemently opposed to the agreement fearing the loss of jobs in this country. So far the unions have been an important means of support for Clinton and he does not wish to alienate them.

However, Clinton also does not want to allow himself to be portrayed as being in the back pocket of labor interests. As a result, the governor is trying to sit the fence. He has declared his support for free trade that provides greater opportunity for American companies to export, but he refuses to discuss the details of the agreement until he can examine the final document. While this may allow him some time to put off making a firm decision, eventually the Republicans will press him for an answer.

Baker to the Rescue?

In the last few weeks there has been much excitement in both the White House and the press about the movement of James Baker from the State Department back into the Bush campaign. Since taking over as Secretary of State he has brought focus to campaign meetings, intensified the activity of the re-election staffers, and renewed hope for the Bush camp.

Yet, as much as Baker is believed to be the most capable person for the job, the circumstances of his arrival have made for effective Democratic ammunition. First and foremost, Baker was involved in serious Mid-East negotiations which he had to abandon to assume control of the campaign.

In addition, there is the possibility that Baker will overshadow Bush if he is perceived as "necessary" to the president's re-election. Baker's ability will truly be tested as he attempts to rescue this campaign without acquiring too high a profile. It is George Bush, not James Baker, who must be presented as the most competent and experienced man involved in this presidential race.

The Numbers:			
		Clinton	Bush
ABC /Wash Post	8/30	55%	36%
Newsweek	8/28	49%	89%
Time/CNN	8/27	46%	40%

SGA sets goals for coming year

By Jake Citrin

Student Government Association (SGA) President Rita M. Glavin '93, will make increased student involvement in the SGA and improved student-trustee relations the primary objectives of the SGA this year.

Brendan O'Leary '94, SGA vice president, shares these views and plans to seek full implementation of a financial aid bill for students of middle class families and to introduce a revision to the Student Rights and Freedoms section of the handbook. O'Leary also seeks to reform the Community Council.

Both leaders believe that the key to greater student involvement is an improved SGA image.

"I want SGA to be more of an organization that has a reputation for getting things done," said Glavin.

Glavin's plans to increase student involvement include obtaining a greater cross-section of the student body in the SGA General Assembly. She plans to recruit, though not publicly support, individuals, and to make certain that representatives are in touch with their constituents.

"I think people have slacked off in the past, I am going to be cracking down. I want to know what this dormitory thinks or what are the issues facing us," she said.

Glavin is also working to create greater student access to the Board of Trustees. She is trying to persuade the trustees to publish their addresses. Currently, students are only able to contact the board through Old Chapel.

"The fact that we can't have them [published] is really crazy, considering we can get them through alumni or simply calling information," says Glavin.

"The students of Middlebury College are represented by proxy to the entire Board of Trustees, there is never an instance for a student to address the entire board," Glavin said. Normally,

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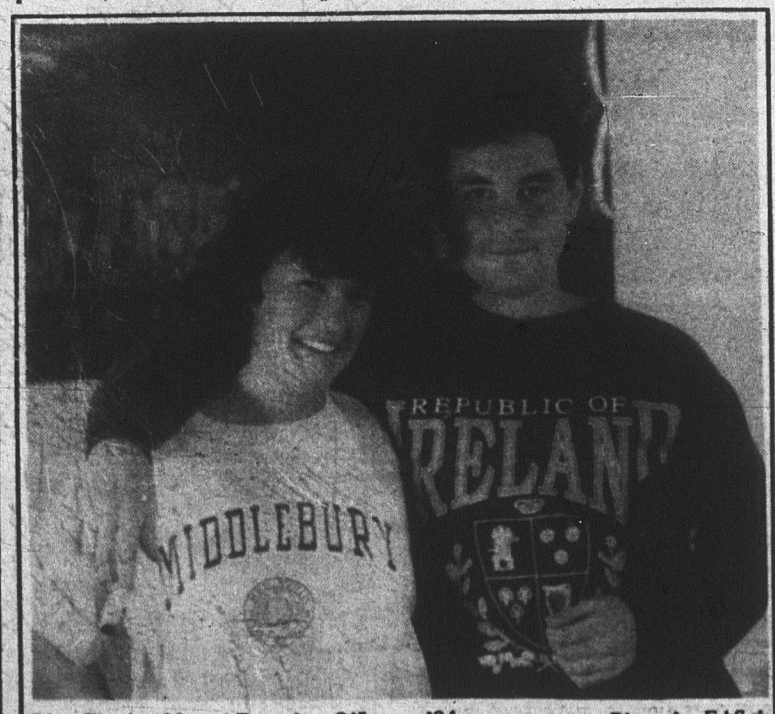

Rita Glavin '93 and Brendan O'Leary '94. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Old Chapel welcomes '87 graduates Castle and Follert to staff

Castle and Follert outside Old Chapel. *Photo by Ed Soh*

By Jennifer Normandin

In order to fill administrative gaps in Old Chapel, John Castle '87 has been appointed assistant dean of students, and Kathy Follert '87 has assumed the post of assistant director of residential life.

Castle will be fulfilling a one-year term as the replacement for Matthew Longman, who left the position last year to attend graduate school. Follert is being trained by Frank Kelley, director of residential life, in anticipation of his retirement at the end of this academic year.

Castle assumed his post in July with the culmination of a nationwide search.

"I'm really enjoying it. The staff in the deans' office is friendly and there's a real cooperative spirit with the deans and the residential life staff," he said.

Castle shares duties with Ann Hanson, dean of students, and Arlinda Ardister, associate dean of students.

"We are delighted to have John," Hanson said. "He's going to play an integral role in the deans' work and will be involved with academics and advising and some student groups."

He will also be concentrating his efforts on disciplinary work and short-range planning, such as orientation activities. Castle was an organizer of this year's Residential Life Staff and first-year student orientation.

Castle was a member of the first group of Resident Housing Assistants employed by the college, when the RHA program was initiated by Frank Kelley in 1987.

"In many ways I do feel it was an advantage that I was a student here, in terms of my perspective," Castle said.

After leaving Middlebury, Castle began work on a Master's Degree in history at Trinity College in Hartford. He will complete that degree during the coming year.

For the past few years, Castle has taught United States History, Sociology, Geography, Law, and English Composition in high schools in northern and central Vermont, and he acted as head lacrosse coach at St. Michael's College last year.

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Diversity

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and I am glad we came to a common ground," said Pina.

Last spring's protests arose in part because of McCardell's consideration of Charles M. Burdick '63 for the position of special assistant.

Leaders of the minority student organizations, in a statement entitled "Rally for Diversity," argued that Burdick was "unqualified and incapable of representing the diverse cultures which the position's criteria required."

After the rally, McCardell met with the protesters and announced that Burdick would not be coming to Middlebury as his special assistant.

Nesbitt's name was mentioned in discussions held with AAA and the Latino, and McCardell, who has known Nesbitt well for years, invited him to visit the college.

"He was invited up in May and made the rounds of various groups on campus talking to anybody who was at all interested," said McCardell, who asked Nesbitt to take the position shortly after his visit.

"I expressed an interest in being an assistant to him so he decided to take me up on that interest," said Nesbitt.

Response to the president's appointment in the administration has been positive.

"I think that he's got a lot of energy and a lot of ideas and he knows Middlebury very well," said John Emerson, dean of the college.

In a report on minority affairs which was requested by McCardell several weeks before the protests occurred, Emerson provided a "briefing on the status of minority affairs at the college since the June 1988 Update of the Twilight Committee Report," but made no mention of the new position.

Outlining the principles, goals and recommendations of the college on minority issues, Emerson emphasized the need to increase the number of role models on the faculty and staff for students of color, to support and expand efforts and programs for better incorporating issues of diversity in the curriculum, and to increase the percentage of students of color in each graduating class to at least 10 percent of all graduates.

"The greatest area of concern is in the retention of students of color... that is something we are working very hard on," said Emerson, who worked in conjunction with Minority Issues Group to formulate the report.

Despite the report's emphasis on continuing to expand diversification efforts, members of the Asian American Students' Organization were angered by Emerson's statement that recruiting efforts "will continue to be concentrated largely on African American and Hispanic American students."

The report continued: "The college welcomes the gradual and naturally occurring increase in our numbers of Asian American students."

Last May the Asian American Students Organization leader Louis Kim '94 wrote a letter to Emerson "to point out the fact that the statement overemphasized a naturally occurring increase," according to Soh.

"The numbers we are looking to get are numbers comparable to [those of] what Middlebury calls its peer institutions...for example, Williams," said Soh. "Our argument is, look at the peer institutions, some are running upwards of 30 percent... we are looking along the lines of 10 to 15 percent."

"It depends on the schools you look at," said Emerson. "I look at the past five years and there has been remarkable growth."

This year's entering class includes 27 Asian Americans, 19 blacks, 16 Hispanics, 2 Native Americans, and 12 who identified themselves as "other," making 13.2 percent of the class of 1996 students of color.

10.6 percent of the entire student body are of color and 9.0 percent are international students, a percentage which Emerson says is "as high as it's ever been."

"If one means to be consistent and unequivocal... there is no question that Asian students should be a part of active recruitment," said McCardell. "But there should be a distinction between the groups that have not been fully represented and those who may have been. There are certainly groups that we have had more success in recruiting than others."

According to McCardell, that Asian American students are arguably a group that is not under represented is an "open question...that needs to be discussed and debated."

"It has nothing to do with discrimination," he added.

Despite the report's comments on Asian American recruitment, Soh believes that the document has inherent value for the college.

"We accept what the administration has done on issues brought up by the protests," said Soh.

The three organizations sent a letter to McCardell on September 8 expressing their acceptance of the college's efforts while promising to challenge the administration to make sure the demands made last spring are met.

Neither the Asian American Student's Organization, AAA, nor the Alianza Latinoamericana y Caribeña have plans to stage any more protests while they observe how the administration functions with the appointment of Nesbitt.

Last spring the three minority organizations worked together to organize the rally outside of Old Chapel.

"We are trying to work together for the same goal, but each group has its own issues," explained Paris.

Paris believes two minority issues that need to be addressed are the appointment of tenure track faculty and the retention of minority students, two goals that are outlined in Emerson's report.

"What we need is active recruitment and active programming to retain the students," said Paris.

But for the meantime, the minority groups are anticipating a productive year. "I feel that it is going to be a very positive year. I look forward to working with him [Nesbitt]," said Paris.

Nesbitt '82 joins president's staff

By Peter Walsh

Leroy Nesbitt is no stranger to Middlebury or diversity issues. As a member of the class of 1982 and a history major he was president of the Black Student Union and he has retained his ties to the college as the chairperson of the Middlebury College Washington Diversity Task Force.

Special Assistant to the President Leroy Nesbitt. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Nesbitt was born and bred in Washington, D.C., where he has lived since graduation, but he is excited about returning to Vermont.

"It's a change of lifestyle for me that's pleasant. I'm looking forward to the change," he said.

Though Nesbitt feels comfortable returning to the town of Middlebury, he admits that Vermont is one of the reasons that the college has had difficulties retaining students and faculty of color.

"Vermont is a problem, There are not any traditional African American and Latino communities which you have present in other places so there are cultural issues that African American and Latino students face in deciding to move to Vermont," said Nesbitt.

"It is a small community and it is difficult to change and that's a problem," he added.

Nesbitt also attributes the difficulty of retaining faculty and staff of color to a nation-wide tendency for professionals of color to choose occupations besides education.

"The other problem is that there is what I call a brain-drain in the higher education community for people of color, and a lot of people like myself opt not towards careers in academia, but towards careers in law or medicine or business so that the pool is not large and it is a competitive pool," said Nesbitt.

"All across the country colleges like Middlebury are trying to attract the same faculty and sometimes it is difficult for us to recruit with a liberal arts college like a Carnegie Mellon situated in an urban area where that person of color would have the kind of support in a community, and that social life, that would not necessarily be present here," he added.

Despite the homogeneous nature of the state, Nesbitt believes that conditions have improved for minority students since his years as an undergraduate.

"Things are better in my view. There are more resources that are devoted to issues of diversity," explained Nesbitt.

Besides looking into the curriculum Nesbitt is interested in focusing his attention on recruitment.

"What I am going to help do is to examine the college's efforts regarding students, faculty and staff of color to see what we can do to attract more students and faculty of color and to be a part of what I think is going on in America which is a recognition of the American quilt which is made up of so many diverse pieces sewn together," said Nesbitt.

Nesbitt pointed out the difficulties of continuing to increase financial aid as the costs of higher education soar, but expressed a hope that this would not impede any efforts to diversify the student body.

"It's not a numbers crunching game. It's more, let's take advantage of the most competitive students of all hues, racial backgrounds, religious backgrounds and ethnic backgrounds," explained Nesbitt.

Before being called upon to become President McCardell's special assistant Nesbitt served as a lawyer for Howard University where he has worked since 1986.

Nesbitt resigned from Howard last week, after considering taking only a leave of absence, according to President John McCardell.

"It is an open question whether his appointment will last more than a year," said McCardell.

A member of the American Bar Association, Nesbitt has won several law awards and also serves as a member and General Council to the Washington, D.C. Chapter of Concerned Black Man, Inc.

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labs on the west side of the building are functional; approximately three weeks after classes began, according to Sontum.

"We had to redesign all our beginning labs," said Sontum. The research labs on the east side of the building will not be working until approximately seven weeks into classes, said Sontum.

On the other end of the campus, the Arts Center is finally nearing completion, and will be hosting all classes that have been scheduled there, according to Deborah Smith, an arts coordinator for the Arts Department in the Arts Center.

The Conditional Certificate of Occupancy was obtained on August 21, according to Gerry Vaillancourt, director of construction for the Arts Center.

The building must comply with certain codes to obtain the final certificate, said Vaillancourt. Exit signs and other "life safety devices" need to be added to the building before the final Certificate of Occupancy can be issued.

The college has not yet issued a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the building, but Vaillancourt says there are plans to do that soon.

Vaillancourt gave no estimate as to when the college will issue a final acceptance of the building and take over ownership from Pizzigalli Construction.

Getting the final Certificate of Occupancy is mainly a matter of testing sprinkler heads and other safety devices, according to the Vice President for Administration and Treasurer David Ginevan.

There is a "punch list" of small items that need to be completed in order for the state to reach a "satisfactory conclusion" and issue a final Certificate of Occupancy, said Ginevan.

The completion of a dance floor and a computer network are two of the items still unfinished.

Ginevan estimated that the annual cost of maintaining the Arts Center will be approximately $500,000.

Keg laws

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keg to the purchaser, but the buyer would still face school disciplinary action for violating beer keg regulations.

The only other change to the state keg law concerns the increase of the beer keg deposit from $10 to $25.

The penalty for providing alcohol to minors remains unchanged at a maximum fine of $1000 and/or up to two years in jail. Chenevert cautions that this fine may be imposed by the state on any person who furnishes alcohol to a minor, whether that individual is of age or not.

The increase of the school fine from $25 to $100 for illegal kegs is unrelated to the Vermont state action, according to Dean of Students Ann Craig Hanson.

"In looking at some of our fines when we were updating the handbook, we thought some of them seemed low or inappropriate, the fine for kegs was set almost ten years ago and hasn't been changed [until now]," said Hanson.

"Our keg fine was much below other schools," she added.

The beer keg fine is seen as a strong deterrent against illegal kegs. "It takes away the argument that a keg is the cheapest way to entertain," said Hanson.

The college levies the fine on any person who possesses an illegal keg, defined as an un-registered keg or one that does not conform to college keg rules. Also, the fine pertains to "any common container" as stated in the 1992-1993 handbook. Formerly, party balls and other such containers were not explicitly referred to in the student handbook.

The reaction from the Social Houses was one of concern for their potential liability. "If I were to purchase a keg, anything that happened at that party would be my responsibility," said Sig Ep Vice President Trevor Crist '93. "Why would I want to put my neck on the line?"

"For every regulation or law that changes, there are always unintended consequences," said Hanson.

Hanson maintains that it is too early to say what the impact of the new laws and regulations will be.

Possibilities range from students buying party balls, driving to New York state to obtain kegs, or purchasing hard liquor to avoid the new alcohol control measures.

Commons

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ergy of the students within those residences, according to Patty Pack, tutor-in-writing, english lecturer and commons associate for Hepburn and Gifford.

The Commons Councils allow "students to take more responsibility for their social lives and for their intellectual lives," said Pack.

Commons Associates will work with the Commons Councils attempting to provide a link between students, faculty and staff that some think the community is lacking. "We had the student life and we had the life in the classroom and there was not a lot of connection between these lives," said Pack.

There are approximately 60 faculty and staff signed up to act as affiliates to the commons and participate in different activities, according to Hanson. "We hope [the Commons Associates'] presence will encourage other faculty and staff to get involved," said Hanson.

The Resident Hall Advisors (RHAs) are working with the Commons Associates to organize the Commons Councils, for which elections should be held by the second week of classes, according to Hanson.

"Our role is to help implement the Commons System, to help explain it, and to dispel any myths," said James Christian, an RHA who will assist Commons Associate John Walsh, college chaplain, for the commons which includes Milliken, Hadley, Kelly, and Lang dormitories.

Hanson stressed that, currently, students are not bound to one commons for their four years at the college.

In addition, there is no commons dining at present but there will be events that will allow a commons to eat together, said Hanson.

Pack stated a need for each commons to have its own space to use as it wishes. The renovations of Milliken, Hadley, Kelly and Lang next summer will be the first changes made in response to the new Commons System.

Commons Associates will not be living in residence halls with students, but some have relocated into homes close to the college, according to a letter sent by Hanson to the student body July 27.

American Literature and Civilization Professor Brett Millier and Dean of Advising and Off-Campus Study Karl Lindholm will be Co-Associates for the Commons including Allen, Chateau, North Dorms, Atwater and Davis.

Bob Osborne, professor and chair of the Psychology Department, will be the Associate for Starr, Painter, Voter and Stewart.

SGA

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President McCardell or other administrators are the only individuals who present the views of the student body to the entire board.

To end this situation, Glavin proposes "the president of the student government be given 15 minutes at the trustees' meetings to walk in and address issues." This proposal will shortly be put before the board for their approval.

Glavin also wants to see a student placed on the budget committee. This committee is responsible for writing and submitting budgets to the trustees for review. She wants to avoid a repeat of last year's tuition hike which was announced unexpectedly after winter break.

The members of this year's budget committee are all administrators.

O'Leary also seeks to expand the role of students in the college's decision making process. He saw the passage of his SGA bill concerning financial aid policies for students of middle class families last year, and now must see that it is implemented.

"This is something I care about. Many of my friends end up leaving because of financial reasons," said O'Leary. He plans to work closely with the director of financial aid, Robert Donaghey, to achieve a more fair aid package for middle class students.

"Another goal will be a revision of the Student Rights and Freedoms section of the handbook to promote more student responsibility and self-governance," O'Leary said.

This bill will seek to refine and expand student's rights issues already present in this year's handbook. According to O'Leary the bill will include "more freedom of speech and freedom of association." Student autonomy will also be an important component of this bill.

"This will not be a policy which will set specific language as acceptable, or a policy which will set certain behavior as being acceptable. It is going to be broader, more of a policy addressing principles," he said.

Besides his duties as vice-president of the SGA, O'Leary acts as the co-chair of the Community Council and has met several times this past summer with Dean of the College John Emerson, who is the other co-chair.

The Community Council serves as the highest level community body composed of students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Decisions made by the council are forwarded directly to the president for his consideration. The chairs agree that the operation of the council requires improvement.

"In the past it has been a place where visitors wouldn't listen to each other's ideas, they would come in with what they wanted to say and leave, and wouldn't expect the Community Council to ever do anything. We're going to turn it into a working committee again, where problems are worked through, all members of the community can participate in joint discussions without limitations," O'Leary said.

Castle, Follert

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Castle foresees an educational and productive year ahead. "I'm going to be looking for ways in which to define my job," he said.

Looking toward the future, Castle strongly emphasized his desire to remain in education.

"I think I'll really miss teaching," he said. "I'd like to explore the possibility of teaching at the college level."

Follert also joined the staff in Old Chapel in July. She sees her position as "a stepping stone, learning-the-ropes kind of job."

Upon completion of her English degree at Middlebury, Follert remained at Middlebury to become one of the college's first RHA's. The program was new and undefined, according to Follert.

"It was a good year," she said. "We were learning as we went. It's nice to come back and see that everybody knows what RHAs do now."

Follert then moved to Washington, D.C., to act as assistant director of public relations at Trinity College. After a year at Trinity, she left to pursue a professional cooking career, but decided against that option after six months.

Follert's next job was as editorial assistant for the International Monetary Fund. From there, she moved to Kaiser Associates, a firm with many Fortune 100 clients, where she worked as a business management consultant.

Follert had been in touch with Kelley when the position at Middlebury became available.

"Kathy competed with 100 other people for the job and got it because of her own strengths and virtues," Kelley said.

"I had thought a lot about a lifestyle change," she said. "I walked around a lot up here and talked to a lot of students and staff and thought about living here. I felt like I was doing really well in business, but I wanted to be in education."

As assistant director of residential life, Follert has been extremely busy since the arrival of students on campus.

"I'm trying to do housing only in the afternoons, but it's tough. No room changes were made this summer, and everybody's anxious."

The craziness for Follert however is, "no surprise. As a former student, I know how important it is that people live with their friends."

Follert will be handling room changes during the hours of 1 to 5 pm in her office.

The position held by Follert is a new one. "Housing is only a third of my job," she noted.

Follert also handles dorm damage appeals, the creation of fairer room checking procedures, orientations, and on a larger scale, facilities management, the commons system, and residential life.

"We had a very comprehensive search and she was the strong first choice," Hanson said. "She has already come up with many ideas concerning billing and room checking procedures. We think the skills she has developed in problem solving [from her previous jobs] will be a great help to us here."

In addition, a large part of her job is working closely with Kelley. Follert and Kelley, like Castle, both started at Middlebury in 1983.

"We've had a long relationship. It's ironic to be here in his last year, having been here in his first," said Follert.

"I feel very good about this year," she said. "I'm really enjoying my job despite some of the limitations we've been experiencing. Things should really open up in winter and spring."

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FEATURES

Random Notes

by Chris Piehler

So, after months of really aggressive tanning punctuated by recent visits to ruler sales, the big event has finally come. You are Back to School, and whether you are a bug-eyed first-year student or a suave senior, you may have a few small misgivings about the beginning of the new academic year. That's okay. Don't worry. We've got just the thing to allow all and sundry to insure that they are prepared to face the challenges of studenthood. All you have to do is take this simple ten-question Cool Quiz. Don't be nervous.

1. You call your best friend
a) Maestro
b) Master
c) Dude
d) Congressman

2. When you see someone you don't know walking towards you, you
a) Genuflect
b) Pretend to study your watch intently
c) Say hi, give them a firm handshake, and introduce yourself
d) Ignore them entirely, knowing that soon enough they'll know who you are

3. Over the summer, you grew some
a) Pot
b) Facial hair
c) Cucumbers
d) All of the above

4. You never leave your room without your
a) Slide rule
b) Baseball cap and Tevas
c) Metal detector
d) Rubber gloves

5. The three vital ingredients of your ideal date are
a) Androgyny, avocados, and an armadillo
b) Brahms, Bordeaux, and a bed
c) Candlelight, clay, and clowns
d) Drugs, donuts, and the Dead
e) A date? What's a date?

6. Your favorite beverage is
a) Clamato
b) Fresca
c) Bug juice
d) Day-old keg beer, imported from New York

7. Your favorite poster is
a) Anything by Manet
b) Anything by Escher
c) Anything about beer
d) Anything but any of the above

8. When you grow up, you want to look like
a) Ross Perot
b) the Dalai Lama
c) a TV anchorwoman
d) Carrie Fisher (as seen in "Star Wars")

9. You register your approval by calling something
a) cool
b) sweet
c) sick
d) aquatic

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Orientation welcomes the class of '96

By Mike Liss

The class of 1996 officially began its reign on campus on September 2, marking the beginning of a five day orientation period that saw the 463 new students participate in a variety of activities meant to familiarize them with the campus and each other.

The first organized activity on Wednesday's itinerary was the parent-student lunch hosted by President John McCardell. The lunch session began a day of talks by much of the Middlebury braintrust that also included Dean of Students Ann Hanson, Dean of the College John Emerson and Assistant Professor of History Cassandra Potts. After meeting three of the most prominent figures in the administration, the awestruck first year students then sat through the "Life at Middlebury" talk on drugs, sex and alcohol.

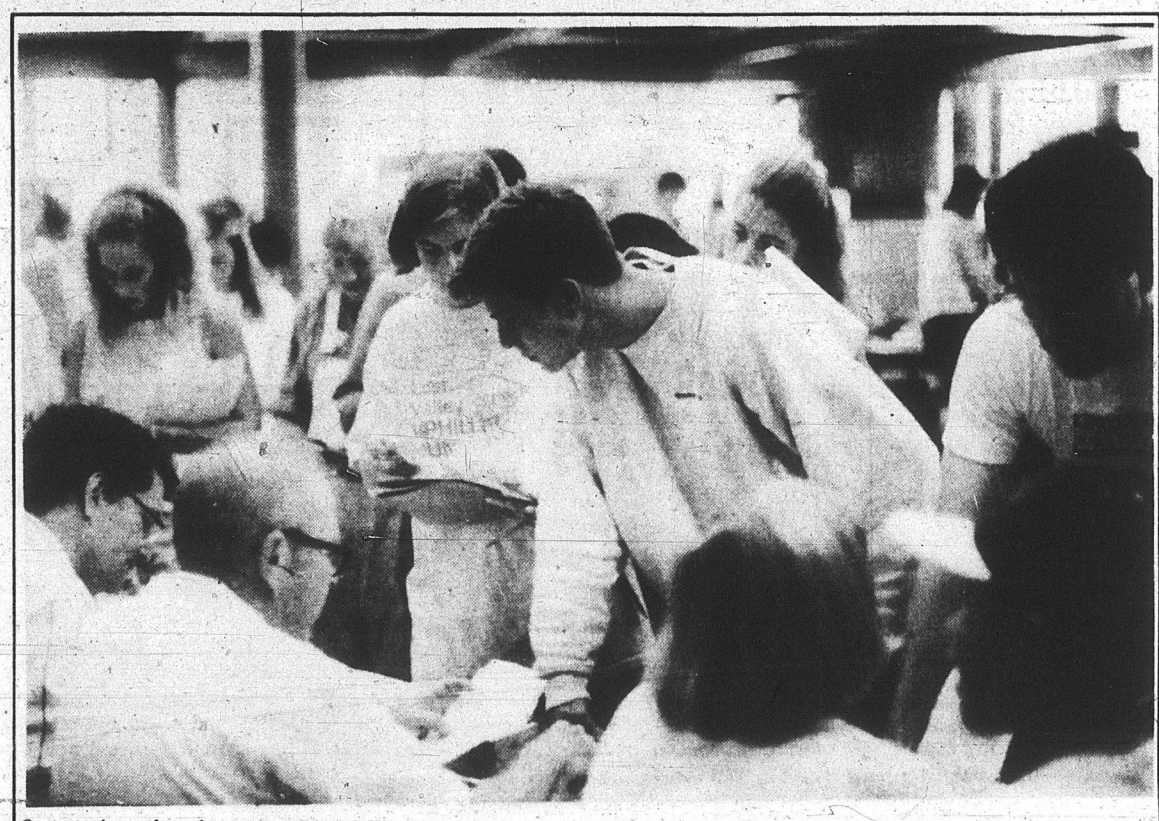
The academic aspect of orientation was evident on Thursday morning when students were addressed by the chairs of the various departments at Middlebury. Several upperclassmen who listened in on parts of the speeches appeared to be lip synching the familiar words spoken by the department chairs.

A long time favorite, the square dance, was held in McCullough that evening, rather than at the traditional location at the Bread Loaf campus. The crowd of first-year students was coralled into the student center like a herd of flea-bitten cattle, and the group then proceeded to whoop and dance like native Vermonters. Josh Levy '96 exclaimed that the square dance was a "high-flying, galloping time."

Friday morning provided some welcomed rest for the new students, followed by a performance dialogue on diversity by Schyleen Qualls. The first year students were treated to Middlebury's singing talent on Friday evening, when the Mischords and Dissipated 8 performed in the student center. At the conclusion of the concert in McCullough, many first year students found their way to Sig Ep as if attendance at the party was a mandatory part of orientation.

The new students' maiden registration was on Saturday morning, followed by an afternoon of games and a picnic at Bread Loaf. The traditional Proctor Terrace party was moved to McCullough, where the main attraction was Boston's alternative rock band Brave New World.

With the newly arrived students feeling a little more at home after five days on campus, orientation officially came to a lackluster finish Sunday morning with the Convocation ceremony in Mead Chapel. With the inspiration provided by Convocation, the class of '96 can now head into their first semester with nothing but academia on their minds.



One registration down, seven more to go. *Photo by Ed Soh*

O.N.P.'s season premiere thrills

By Rebecca Plona

Middlebury's beloved Outer Nonsense Players ushered in the academic year with perhaps their funniest outing yet on September 6. Playing to an over-capacity crowd in McCullough, the Otters once again proved their ability to successfully make fun of everything from poor old Tim Light to the incoming first-year students.

The Otters, the college's resident improvisational comedy group, started off another season of silliness with a great mix of new skits and old favorites that left the audience begging for more. Among the best of the new material was definitely the four-part drama "The Quest for Beer," outlining the tragic struggle of four young first year students to purchase and consume a keg of beer despite the kinder, gentler new keg laws in Vermont.

In the realm of older material, they also performed my personal favorite skit, the flawlessly choreographed "Proctor Dance."

As I watched the Otters perform, I was struck by their cohesion this year, and their increased ability to work off not only the audience but each other. The entire company was outstanding this time, but as always, a few of the players really shone. Mug Wright '94, competing in the "Reading-the-Newspaper Olympics," was sensational. Mark Feldman '94, demonstrating why you would not want to room with Grover from Sesame Street was equally won-

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New pizzaria provides choice for Middlebury

By Peter Greatrex

For many Middlebury College students the biggest event of the summer may have occured on Sunday, August 30. On that all-important date, Lee Zachary's Pizza opened its twelfth store in Vermont, providing Middlebury students with a second pizzaria that delivers to the campus. The word of the day: choice.

The new store is in a spacious section of the Marbleworks, offering plenty of tables for those who wish to eat in.

With Lee Zachary's opening up shop, the town now boasts of having three pizzarias. However, with the addition of the new store, mass confusion is certain to follow.

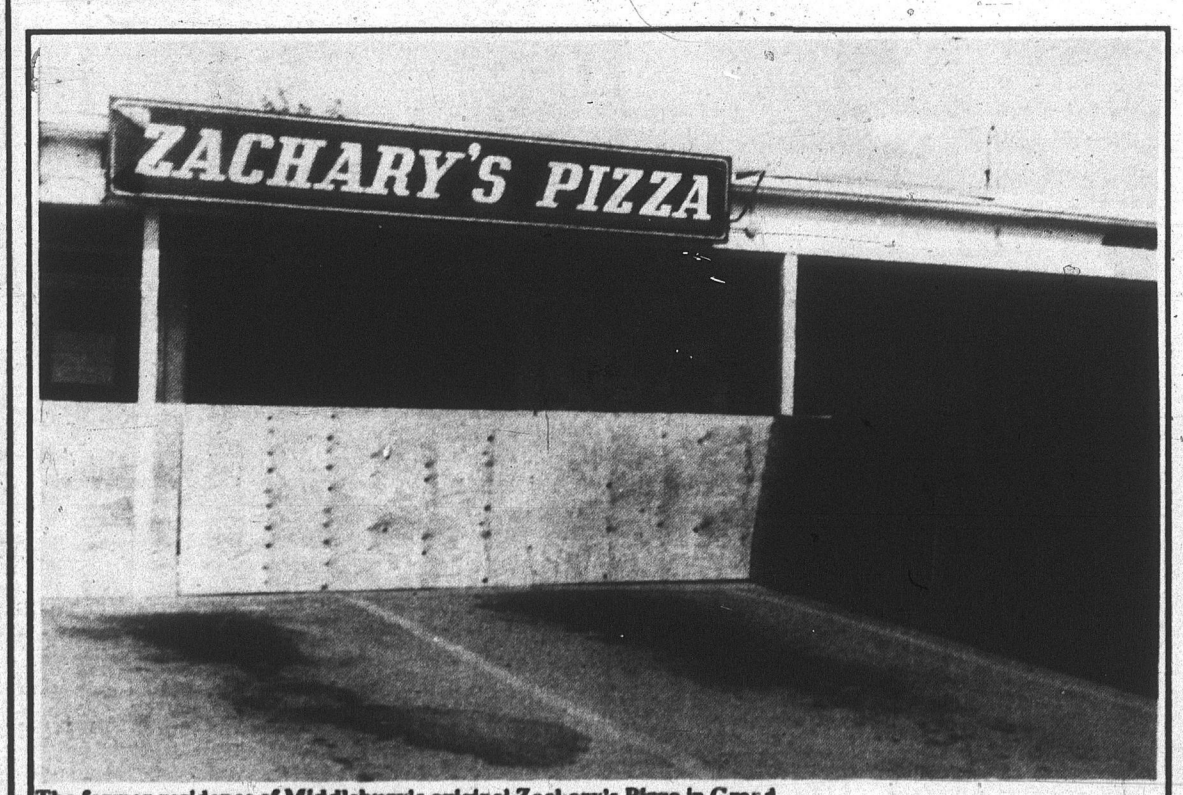
It all has to do with names, you see. There is already a Zachary's Pizza in town, now across from the Grand Union. With the opening of Lee Zachary's Pizza, hungry students can no longer say "Let's meet at Zac's," but rather specify the Marble Works or by Grand Union.

The cause of the name confusion can be traced back to one family, so the legend says. A pair of brothers began their stores and expanded, both with the surname of Zachary.

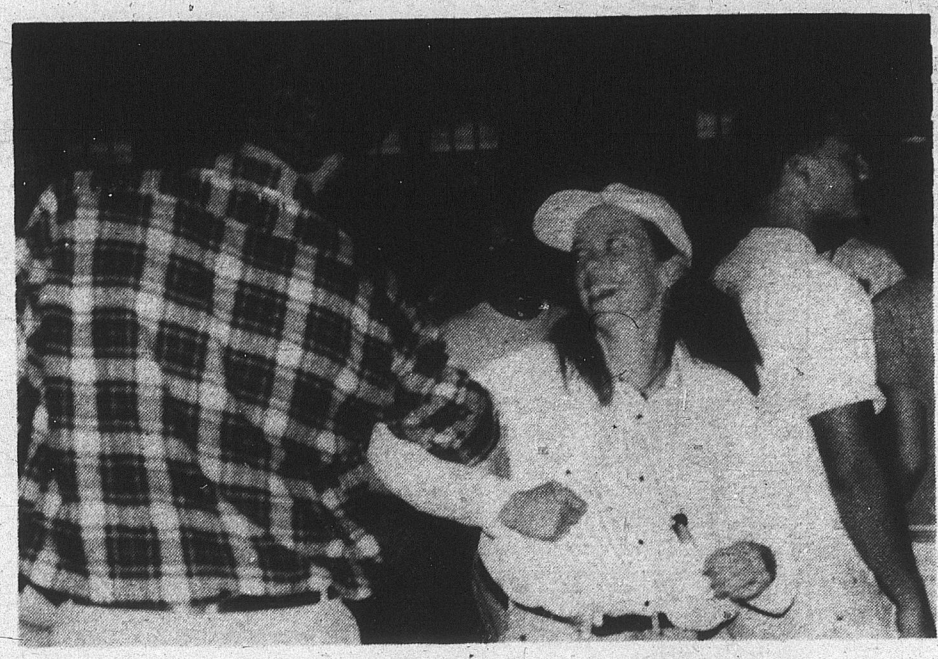
Mike Therrien, the manager of Lee Zachary's, said that the new store had been planned for over a year, and was to expand the chain to more of Vermont. The store will be competing against the local delivery favorite, Pizza Cellar, for the business of hungry students. Therrien stated that he hopes to win over the town and college by producing a quality pizza.

Lee Zachary's is attempting to become popular on a campus that is accustomed to dialing Pizza Cellar's number. Also, company policy forbids Lee Zachary's delivery crew from bringing the pizza inside dorms. According to Therrien, this policy is to protect their employees from entering a dangerous situation inside a dorm room.

With this new store, Middlebury college students can now choose from a variety of food stores that deliver, including Noonie's Deli, Lyon's Place and Emperor's Garden. Now all that the campus needs is some one who will deliver 24 hours a day.



The former residence of Middlebury's original Zachary's Pizza in Grand Union Plaza on Washington Street. *Photo by Roberta Stewart*



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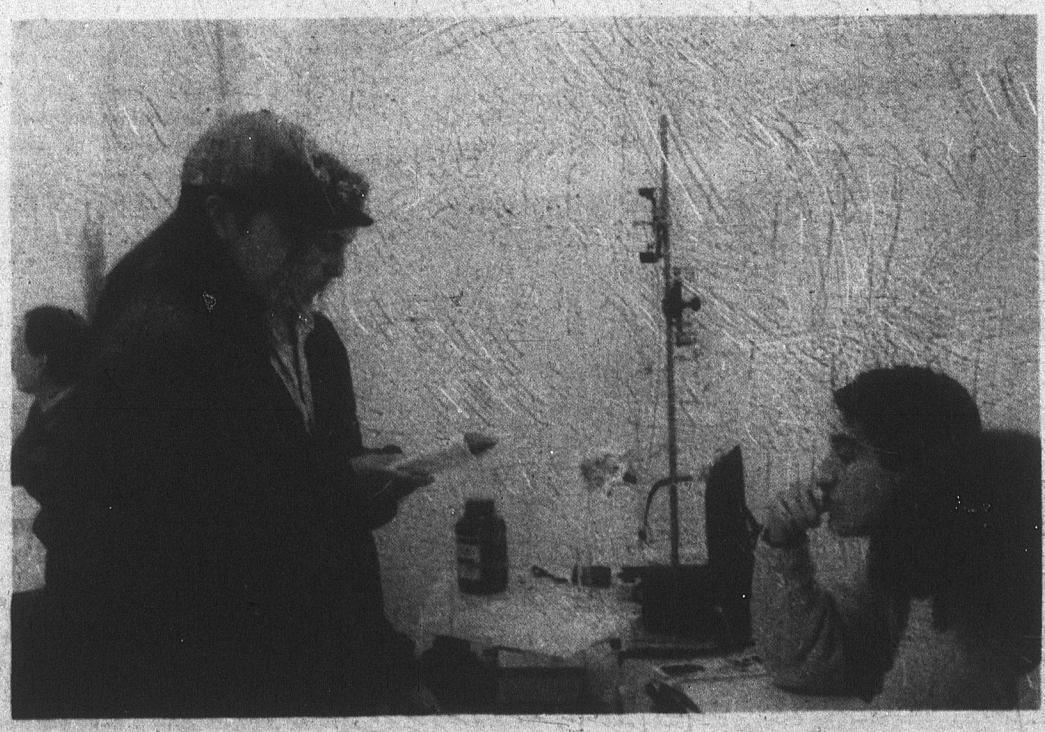

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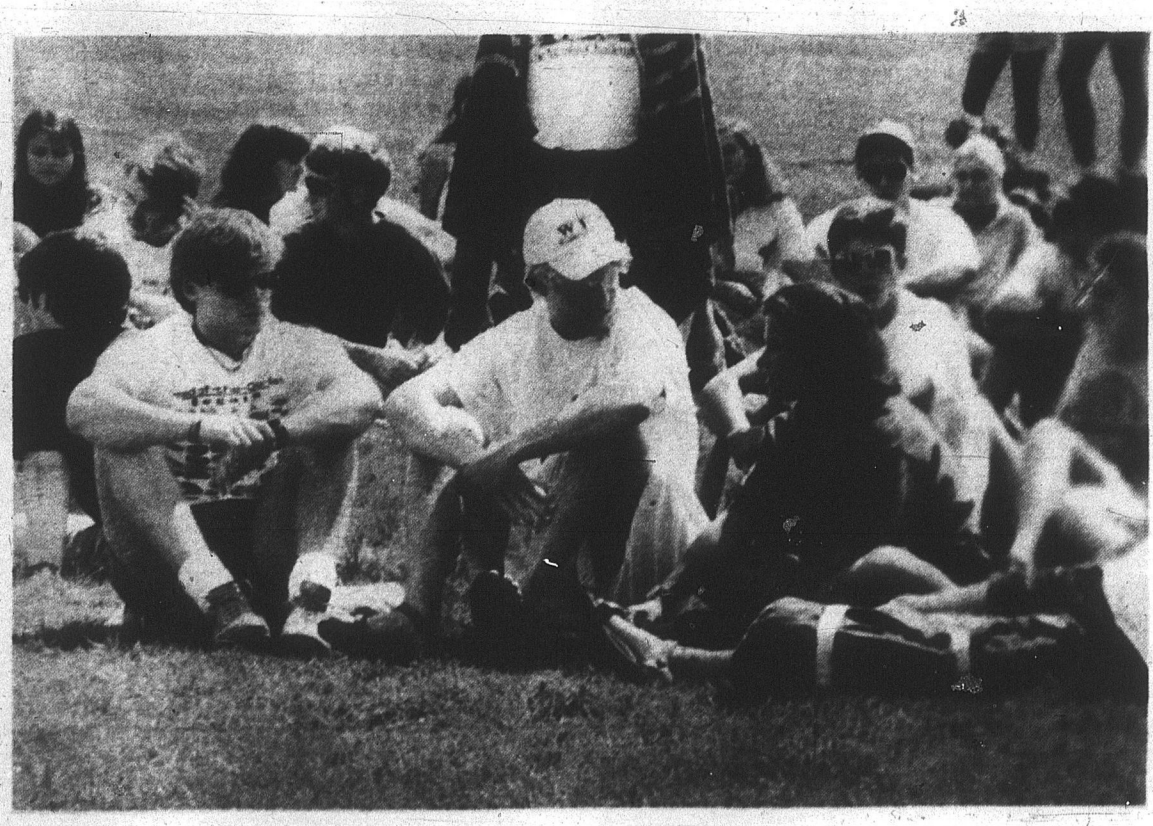

First-year volunteers lend a hand

The next time you walk through the town of Middlebury, be sure to notice the freshly painted gazebo in the Middlebury commons. This "happy" gazebo, as it was called by Kyle Hirsh '96, was one of the accomplishments of the Volunteer Preview '92 pre-orientation program.

The preview was started in 1989 as a program aimed at new students who wanted to participate in community service as a part of their pre-orientation. The program has grown in popularity each year and this fall involved almost 40 students working on four different job sites.

The volunteers arrived on Sunday, August 30, for a cookout. On Monday and Tuesday, the groups and their leaders volunteered locally from nine a.m. until two p.m.

Five of the first year student volunteers worked at the Gailer School under the leadership of Paige Pease '95. The school, an alternative education private school in Middlebury, needed some renovations before classes were to begin. The volunteers painted assorted walls and closets, and even a python cage.

Another group visited the Parent-Child Center, a center for adolescent mothers and fathers up to age 22 in the Middlebury area. The volunteer group, headed by Rayda Krell '95, helped clean up the grounds by weeding and constructing playground equipment.

"Not only did I contribute to the center, but I also felt that I have learned a new skill and can go out and build my own sandbox," said Krell.

A third group, led by Adonia Henry '95, Tina Monson '95, and Harold Wheat '95 worked in the Green Mountains with the U.S. Forest Service. They cleared brush from abandoned logging roads which now will be used as cross-country ski trails.

The newly painted gazebo on the town green was a result of a volunteer group under the direction of the Adison County Community Action Group. The gazebo is now white with a waterford green base, a change from the weathered forest green. The group, led by Andy Gardner '95 and Sonya Schwartz '95, also painted the trim of the pool house at the Middlebury Recreation Park.

This year's Volunteer Preview groups gave their time to community service and enjoyed themselves while getting acquainted with one another and the community of Middlebury.

"The volunteering was fun and rewarding," said Elizabeth Prescott '96.

"I was pleased to give up three days of my summer to give to the community. It makes a difference. Also, it was great to meet people and know them before the rest of the class arrives," Prescott added.

The Volunteer Preview Program concluded on Tuesday with a cookout at Lake Dunmore after a long day of work. Some of the volunteers went swimming in the icy Falls of Llana while others huddled around the charcoal to keep warm.

Nonetheless, everyone gained a valuable experience from the volunteer program while becoming familiar with their new home for the next four years.

Student volunteers clear away brush in the Green Mountains. *Photo by Tiffany Sargent*

Random Notes

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10. You're standing in a very dark room and sitting there in the gloom is Dracula. How do you say good-bye?
a) Au revoir
b) Later
c) Immediately, immediately, immediate-ly
d) Hasta la vista, baby

Answers:

1. c 2. d 3. d 4. 5. e, obviously 6. d, although a is certainly a sentimental favorite 7. d 8. None of them. You should have known this was a trick question. 9. a, b, or c, although if you said d I'd like to meet you. 10. c

Scoring:

Give yourself five points for each correct answer that began with a vowel, four points for each "correct" answer, and as many as you feel like if you got the Electric Company reference in question 10. If you got more than forty points, you're set. If not, take the whole test again and cheat.

Otter Nonsense

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derful. Brendan O'Leary '94 made the audience laugh by his simple presence on the stage, and all four of the beer-seeking freshman were fantastic. And Gene Swift '94, in showing the crowd how to give birth and insert dentures nearly brought down the house.

After the show, Otter Rodney "Franks-n-Beans" '95 Rothman expressed his satisfaction with the group's performance, and said that all the Otters were "psyched" about the performance.

"After the show," said Rothman, "we were going to celebrate by jumping fully clothed into the McCullough pool. But instead we went down to the sacred Otter place and bonded. I mean, REALLY bonded."

For those of us who are die-hard Otter fans, this performance was delightful, one of their best efforts to date. For those who had not yet experienced the Otter Nonsense Players, their maiden effort of the school year was a fantastic introduction.

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SPORTS

Men's soccer team travels to England for summer training

By Josh Israel

The men's soccer team, intent to improve upon a frustrating 1991 season, has a decided advantage over last year's squad — they've been training hard for the last three weeks both at home and abroad.

After a disappointing loss last season to a strong Wesleyan team in the first round of the NESCAC Tournament, coach David Saward and his returning players set out this summer for England, determined to improve on last year's finish.

Arriving in England on August 14, they immediately began training in Eastly, a small town outside of Southampton. Coach Saward, an English native, has many close friends in the English "football" community and was able to schedule some very exciting games for the Middlebury players.

However, before kicking off their pre-season European tour they went to see the professional Southampton club team play. Goalie Bo Wilmer '94 explained the reason for attending the match was to "try to see how they play, so that we can play that way ourselves."

The Panther squad got their chance to prove themselves soon after that match when they met Southampton's reserve team in a scrimmage at the Fleming Park Leisure Center, where Middlebury was practicing.

The squad of English players, all struggling to make Southampton's first team and prove themselves, offered the perfect chance for the Middlebury team to play against professional players. Coach Saward compared the opportunity to a basketball team playing the bench of the Detroit Pistons.

The Panthers held their own in this extremely tough match, only losing 3-0. During the two week stay in England the Middlebury squad met five teams, losing the first four games and winning the last. In Middlebury's lone victory they defeated the Compton Football Club 2-1.

The match against Southampton's reserve squad offered the perfect chance for the Middlebury team to play against professional players. Coach Saward compared the opportunity to a basketball team playing the bench of the Detroit Pistons.

Bo Wilmer '94 will be starting in the net this season. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Although happy about the win, the Panthers felt they played poorly and were more excited about being able to play on the same level as teams such as the Southampton Club Reserves.

The Middlebury team returned on August 28 from their England tour extremely confident and ready to start their stateside pre-season.

On September 1, the team met one of the toughest in-state opponents — UVM — in the first scrimmage with all the players who were invited by Coach Saward to try out. In a game where both coaches were shuffling players in and

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Cross country faces challenges of expectation

Experience and training are keys to sustained success

By Neall Currie

This year's cross country team is challenged with living up to the expectations set up by last year's strong squad. Both the women's and the men's teams set lofty precedents that the current squad will strive to fulfill.

Although the women's team didn't lose a single member to graduation, they have some gaps in their line-up caused by injuries and schedule conflicts. The most notable cases are seniors Sarah Rabinowitz and Sarah Matchett. Rabinowitz, an NCAA qualifier in her first year, has been sidelined with a recurring hip injury and will not run this year. Matchett, the reigning Vermont state champion who was undefeated in her first four races last year before succumbing to illness, has a work conflict, and may not be able to compete this season. Also, freshman Casey Clifford, who was expected to be an important contributor, is out due to a stress fracture.

However, there is a wealth of talent and experience returning to the team that finished fourth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference last year, and they hope to be contenders for the New England crown, along with Williams and Bowdoin.

The core of the team is made up by junior captain Kristin Daly, one of the top runners in New England last year, and an All-America qualifier in last year's NCAA championships, where she finished 19 out of 138 runners. She is joined by Amy Hollingsworth '94, who was the most improved runner in 1991, and Jen Hodgen '95. Hodgen ran seventh on last year's squad, and is a former New Hampshire state champion and All New England athlete.

The team will also rely on solid performances from senior Suzie Caldwell, junior Malia Richmond, and sophomore Jessica Abel.

The men's team won the ECAC title last year, but has been hurt by the loss of three of Middlbury's best runners to graduation. However, according to coach Terry Aldrich, "the underclassmen are moving up to fill the shoes of last year's seniors."

Juniors Adam Hersh and Tim Loescher should make their mark on the league this year. Both have championship experience that will be invaluable in the team's effort to repeat last year's feat, and have spent their summers training in Aspen, Colorado. Hersh was consistently one of the squad's best runners last year, and should be near the front of most races. Loescher surprised his teammates and competitors in 1991 by consistently finishing

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Football relies on veteran defense

By Neall Currie

This year's Panther football team is a young one that will have to work hard to fill the gaps left by the loss of so many starters to graduation, but in its youth it is seeking to build a solid base for the next few seasons.

The offense was the hardest hit. The unit lost key members of the offensive line, as well as an experienced quarterback in Pat Dyson.

The strength of the offense lies at halfback, with the return of Matt Whitcomb '94, who is coming off an impressive, although injury-shortened season, and senior Eric Sevigny, who has been a starter since his first season.

Juniors John Fortin and Rocky Williams are both returning starters who will anchor the offensive line, and bring talent to an inexperienced unit.

Dyson will not be easily replaced, but with six quarterbacks waiting on the sidelines there is no lack of depth at the position. Andy Hyland '93 and Todd Anderson '94 currently lead the pack competing for the spot.

The Panthers have much more experience on the defensive side of the ball this year. The line features senior captain Rick Gronda at middle guard and Paul Dalpe '93 at defensive end. They will have to work hard to make up for the loss of defensive end Todd Wallen '94, whose season came to an abrupt end when he broke his foot earlier this year.

A deep linebacking corps will be

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The men's football team should improve with this season's experience. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Women's soccer to face tough schedule

By Neall Currie

The women's soccer team faces one of its toughest schedules in years in 1992, but is well prepared to improve on last year's disappointing season.

The addition of new opponents such as Wellesley and Trinity will give the team stiffer competition this season but, on a positive note, it should better prepare them for the possibility of post-season play, according to Coach Bill Beaney.

This year's more experienced squad is led by returning starters and senior tri-captains Amy Lilly, Wendy Jensen and Becky Worley. Also returning are juniors Kirsten Morbeck, Sara Quigley, and last year's leading scorer, K.D. Falso.

Sara Cahill '93 is back in the net for the second year. With a number of strong returning players the team hopes to improve on a disappointing 5-7-2 season.

"Last year's team had the potential and talent to be as good as any I've coached here, and this one could be even better," said Beaney.

If the team plays with more discipline on defense and comes up with some timely scoring, it should fulfill the promise of the last two seasons.

Beaney said that the team's chances of qualifying for the post-season tournament are better than they have been in previous years, when Middlbury has fallen short.

Middlebury showed some of that potential in a pair of scrimmages last weekend. In a game against Dartmouth

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Tennis relies on younger players

By Adam Gilden

After an impressive second place finish last fall in the New England tournament, the Middlebury College women's tennis team is looking to dethrone defending champion Williams College with a core of strong returning players.

Leading the team are senior captain Nancy Olson and sophomore Chantal Den Broeder.

Den Broeder hopes to improve upon her excellent first year, which included a trip to the NCAA Division III tournament in singles. "I haven't really thought about NCAA's yet," she said. "I just want to take the tournaments one at a time."

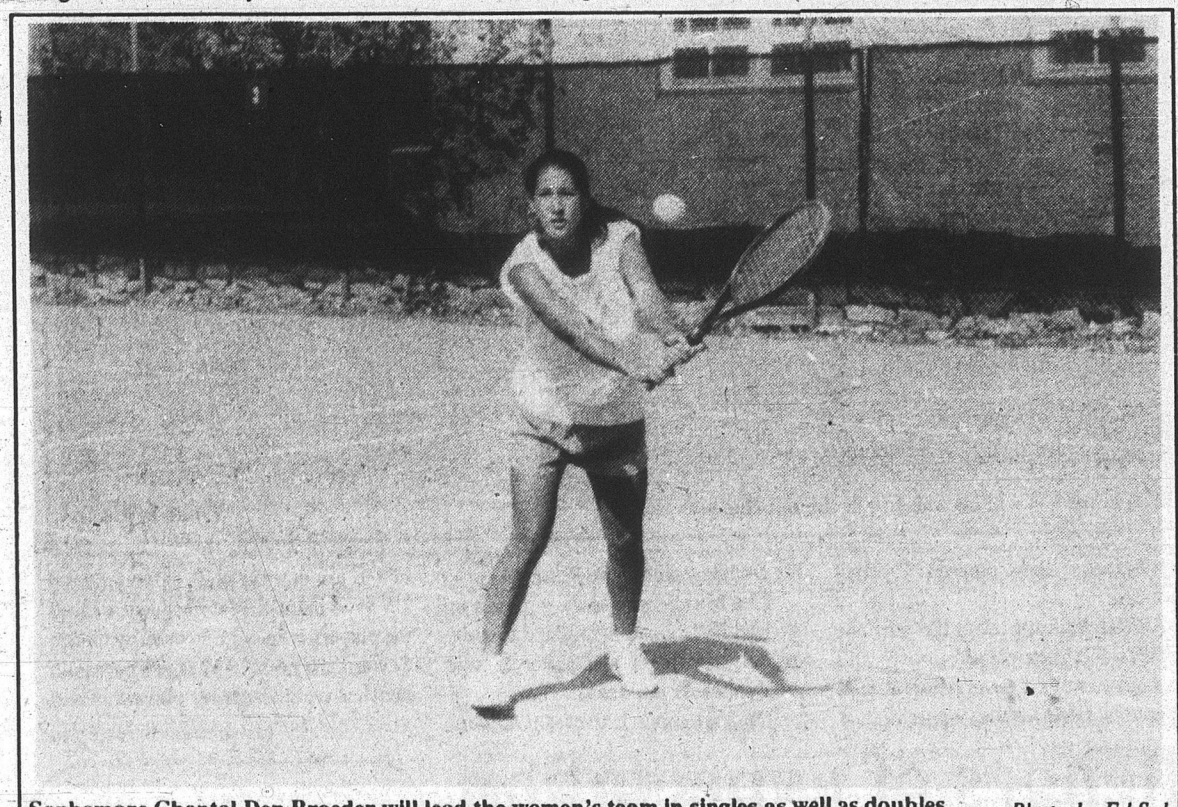
Senior Heidi Zecher should also bring both strong play and leadership to what is a fairly young squad. However, first-year student Helen Motter has already proven that she will be an asset to the team. Her ability to win points at the net will make her valuable in both singles and doubles.

Sophomores Shelly Morse and Kristen Ingsersoll and junior Kebby Ball round out the nucleus of returning players who have already shown Coach Gail Smith their on-court capabilities.

Den Broeder's partner on last year's number one doubles team, junior Allison O'Hare, has gone abroad for the year and will be sorely missed. Also, the graduation of last year's seniors Jessica Kubek and Mimi Warendorf have left positions vacant that need to be filled.

The team should be at least as good as last year's squad, if not better, according to Olsen. The doubles, which have always been solid, should be even stronger this season.

The Panthers kick the season off with a home game against Vermont on Tuesday, and should match up well against this Division I team.



Sophomore Chantal Den Broeder will lead the women's team in singles as well as doubles. *Photo by Ed Soh*

Opening Dates

Teams in action next week:

- **Men's soccer:** Home against St. Michael's; Tuesday, September 15; 3:30 p.m.
- **Women's soccer:** Home against St. Michael's; Tuesday, September 15; 3:30 p.m.
- **Field Hockey:** Home against Vermont; Tuesday, September 15; 3:30 p.m.
- **Women's Tennis:** Home against Vermont; Tuesday, September 15; 3:30 p.m.
- **Golf:** At the Skidmore Invitational, Tuesday, September 15; 10:00 a.m.

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headed up by John Hubert '93.

The defense's sole weakness may be in its secondary, where inexperienced players will be replacing the veteran starters who graduated.

With barely a week of practice under their belts, the team is faced with many uncertainties. The annual intrasquad Blue/White scrimmage this weekend will hopefully provide the team with some answers.

"This is a young team," said Coach Mickey Heinecken. "But they play with enthusiasm that's really refreshing. The farther they go together, the better they'll get."

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out to look at new prospects, the Middlebury squad faired well, losing by one goal, 3-2.

On Saturday, September 5, the preseason Middlebury team traveled to Dartmouth, where they played a sloppy first match, and lost to Dartmouth 5-1. Fortunately, the Panthers were able to recover in a 5-0 victory over Plymouth State.

Monday, September 7 marked the team's first day of practice after the final cuts that shaved the squad down to twenty-two players.

Looking ahead to the first regular season game against St. Michael's at home on September 15, the Panthers feel confident that they will perform well.

Mid-fielder Jeff Fellinger believes the team's success hinges on "the ability to combine individual talents into a tight functioning unit."

Cross country

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-rience can only make him better.

Senior Gil Prado returned from his year in Latin America in outstanding shape, and Aldrich expects his talent to be a valuable asset this season.

Prado and senior captain Chad Bryant will bring leadership to the young team.

Rounding out the team will be three sophomores who were impressive last year, and should come into their own on this squad. Matt Somers, Jake Kritzer, and Zach Laidley will have to continue running well to help the team recover from the loss of last year's seniors.

Said Aldrich, "We should surprise people who think we're in a rebuilding year."

Women's soccer

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played an inspiring second half. They carried that momentum into a meeting with Bowdoin, and came away with a 1-0 win. Sophomore Sarah Archabal scored the only goal in a game that was dominated by defensive play.

The Panthers open their season with a home game against St. Michael's on Tuesday. St. Mike's is traditionally an aggressive team that will be coming into the contest with a couple of games under its belt, and should give Middlebury a tough match.

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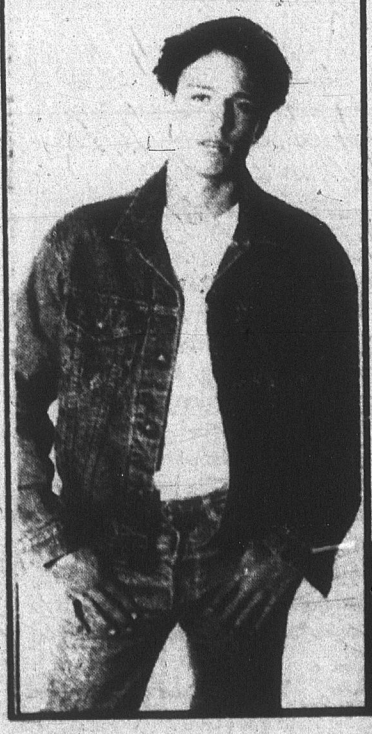

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EDITORIAL

Valuing diversity and diverse values

As America debates the merits of family values and the role of morality in a country that is being forced to come to terms with ethnic, racial, and gender confrontation, it is ironic that there has been little constructive debate regarding *whose* values are most suited to assuage the cultural divides that have torn apart regions of this nation. Unwed mothers who choose to pursue a professional career, parents who choose not to send their children to Sunday school, and men and women who choose companions of their own gender have become vulnerable targets of a misinterpreted effort to redefine American identity. The lack of specificity in defining "family values" lies inherently in the fact that in 1992 there is no such thing as a national set of moral, social, or cultural norms. As America strives to define a uniform set of standards it is becoming increasingly diverse.

Middlebury, on the other hand, is striving to avoid the tendency to group all Americans into one cultural set of standards. As the community struggles to provide a comfortable atmosphere for people of different color, race, ethnicity, and gender, the college has taken steps in the right direction. Dean Emerson's Report on Developments in Minority Affairs reveals a commitment on the part of the administration to diversification; the percentage of students of color in this year's entering class is higher than any other; and the appointment of Leroy Nesbitt as the president's assistant can only foster more constructive and educational interaction between students, faculty, and staff.

We applaud the president's swift action in response to last spring's protests and his attention to issues of diversification that must be addressed. In selecting Nesbitt, McCardell has chosen a member of the extended college community who has proven his commitment to diversity, higher education, and Middlebury College. Though unfamiliar with the needs of the Latino and Asian American communities, Nesbitt has pledged to do his best to assist these groups as they strive to create a more comfortable niche in the community, and his experience as president of the Black Student Union while a student can only serve to improve the relations between the minority organizations and Old Chapel.

The leaders of the minority student organizations have expressed their willingness to work with a new system to achieve their goals of further diversifying the student body, faculty, and staff and creating an outlet for cultural expression, and the administration has responded in kind. The number of students of color in this year's entering class is heartening, and should be viewed as a sign of progress in an ongoing process.

The challenge for the next year and years to come is to continue to address the concerns of students, faculty, and staff of varied cultures and backgrounds in a patient and constructive manner that will benefit both students of color and the entire student body.

Homogeneity only reinforces existing concepts of universal morality and values that are, for the most part, outdated. By experiencing diverse cultures we become aware as Americans that in forming strict value standards and expectations we are only breeding conflict. Perhaps we will learn through awareness that our values as Americans are more similar and meaningful than any of us has imagined.

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